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Man Found Not Guilty for 2015 Assault in Long Beach

A 36-year-old man was acquitted today of charges that he assaulted and threatened his estranged wife's boyfriend and dragged her from a residence three years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for about two days before finding Toby Benskin (dob 12/31/81) not guilty of three counts of assault with a firearm, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon and one count each of assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury, making criminal threats, first-degree burglary with a person present and false imprisonment by violence.

The case was prosecuted by the Justice System Integrity Division.

On Oct. 27, 2015, Benskin, a former Long Beach police detective, allegedly broke into the residence of his estranged wife's boyfriend. He was accused of assaulting and threatening to kill the man before threatening the man's roommate, who came to see what was happening. Benskin then allegedly dragged his estranged wife from the residence.

Case BA451202 was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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